



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

A. G. Kawamura, Secretary

September 28, 2009

Producer Nominations Requested for Positions on The California Garlic and Onion Dehydrator Advisory Board

TO ALL CALIFORNIA GARLIC AND ONION PRODUCERS:

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is currently soliciting nominations of individuals interested in being appointed to producer positions on the California Garlic and Onion Dehydrator Advisory Board. A list of the present members and alternates of the Board is enclosed. An asterisk has been placed next to those producer positions for which nominations are being sought.

Responsibilities of Garlic and Onion Dehydrator Advisory Board Members

The California Garlic and Onion Dehydrator Advisory Board carries out the provisions of the California Garlic and Onion Dehydrator Inspection Program, a state marketing order established for the purpose of conducting mandatory inspections of garlic and onions destined for dehydration. Such inspections provide a basis by which dehydrators pay growers for their product. The Board is composed of five producer members and their associated alternates and three handler members and their associated alternates. All member and alternate positions have a three-year staggered term, so that approximately one-third of the Board's membership comes up for appointment each year.

Board members and alternates are expected to attend two meetings each year, one meeting early in the year prior to the crop season and a second meeting late in the year after the harvest has been completed. These meetings are typically held in Fresno or Coalinga.

Nomination Procedures

A nomination form is enclosed. If you are interested in nominating someone, you need to complete the form and return it to CDFA at the address shown below postmarked no later than October 28, 2009.

Joe Monson
CDFA Marketing Branch
1220 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Following are some additional details regarding the nominations.

- The incumbents were asked about their interest in continuing to serve. Their responses are shown on the form.
- Incumbents who have already expressed an interest in continuing to serve do not need to submit a form.
- You may nominate yourself or any other interested grower of dehydrating garlic and onions in California.
- Please make sure that the producer nominated has production in the district for which the position applies.
- Please call Joe Monson of this office at (916) 341-6005 to confirm that CDFA has received your nomination.
- If there are more than two people nominated for the same position, CDFA may decide to conduct a subsequent vote of all producers to determine which nominee is preferred by the industry.

If you have any questions regarding the California Garlic and Onion Dehydrator Advisory Board or these nomination procedures, please call Joe Monson of this office at (916) 341-6005, or Bob Rohner, manager of the Board at (916) 564-1025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Maxie". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Robert Maxie, Chief
Marketing Branch

Enclosures

PRODUCER NOMINATION FORM – Garlic and Onion Dehydrator Advisory Board

(Please see instructions on the reverse side.)

| Producer Member – Southern California <i>Term: 1-1-2010 through 12-31-2012</i> | Producer Alternate – Southern California <i>Term: 1-1-2010 through 12-31-2012</i> |
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| Incumbent: <u>Mark Osterkamp</u> (Osterkamp Farms, Inc. – Brawley) Incumbent's Status: <i>Mr. Osterkamp is willing to continue serving.</i> | Incumbent: <u>Vacancy</u> Incumbent's Status: <i>This position is currently vacant.</i> |
| Nominee: | Nominee: |
| Address: | Address: |
| Phone: | Phone: |

| Producer Member – Central California <i>Term: 1-1-2010 through 12-31-2012</i> | Producer Alternate – Central California <i>Term: 1-1-2010 through 12-31-2012</i> |
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| Incumbent: <u>Jean Errotabere</u> (Errotabere Ranches – Riverdale) Incumbent's Status: <i>Mr. Errotabere is willing to continue serving.</i> | Incumbent: <u>Vacancy</u> Incumbent's Status: <i>This position is currently vacant.</i> |
| Nominee: | Nominee: |
| Address: | Address: |
| Phone: | Phone: |

| Producer Alternates – Central California <i>Term: Immediately through 12-31-2010</i> | |
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| Incumbent: <u>Vacancies</u> (2 positions with the same remaining term) Incumbent's Status: <i>These 2 positions are currently vacant.</i> | |
| Nominee: | Nominee: |
| Address: | Address: |
| Phone: | Phone: |

| Producer Alternate – Northern California <i>Term: Immediately through 12-31-2011</i> |
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| Incumbent: <u>Vacancy</u> Incumbent's Status: <i>This position is currently vacant.</i> |
| Nominee: |
| Address: |
| Phone: |

Certification:

By signing below, I certify that I am a producer of garlic and onions for dehydration in California and I therefore qualify to nominate producers to serve on the Garlic and Onion Dehydrator Advisory Board.

Name (printed): _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Instructions:

- Please read the accompanying letter and other enclosed information before completing this form.
- This form may be used to nominate up to seven producers, i.e. one nominee for each respective available position.
- You may nominate yourself or any other interested producer of dehydrating garlic and onions in California.
- Please make sure that the producer nominated has production in the district for which the position applies.
- After listing your nominations, you must complete the certification section.
- The form should be mailed to the following address postmarked no later than **October 28, 2009**.

**Joe Monson
CDFA Marketing Branch
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Sacramento, CA 95814**

- Please call Joe Monson of this office at (916) 341-6005 to confirm that CDFA actually received your nomination.

2009 CALIFORNIA GARLIC AND ONION DEHYDRATOR ADVISORY BOARD

*Indicates producer positions for which nominations are being requested.

| Dehydrator Members | Term Ends | Dehydrator Alternates |
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| Kris Van Elswyk Sensient Dehydrated Flavors | 12/31/2011 | Don Ross Sensient Dehydrated Flavors |
| | | Brad Royer Sensient Dehydrated Flavors |
| Dave Watkins Key Food Ingredients | 12/31/2011 | Mike Pitman Key Food Ingredients |
| | | Ron Riehl Key Food Ingredients |
| Matthew Willson ConAgra Food Ingredients | 12/31/2009 | Donald Burgeson ConAgra Food Ingredients |
| | | Brian Jones ConAgra Food Ingredients |
| Producer Members | Term Ends & District | Producer Alternates |
| * Mark N. Osterkamp * Osterkamp Farms, Inc. Brawley | 12/31/2009 Southern California | * Vacancy * |
| * Jean Errotabere * Errotabere Ranches Riverdale | 12/31/2009 Central California | * Vacancy * |
| Bill Carvalho A.J. Carvalho & Sons Tranquility | 12/31/2010 Central California | * Vacancy * |
| Kevin Collins Borba Agribusiness Services Riverdale | 12/31/2010 Central California | * Vacancy * |
| Russell Peterson Peterson Farms Tulelake | 12/31/2011 Northern California | * Vacancy * |